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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST EIGHT CONTRACTORS

HENDERSON, NV – At its meeting May 21, 2002, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases against 8 licensed contractors.

J.R. Meranto Construction Inc., license number 34969 (Residential and Small Commercial), ***Meranto Masonry Inc.***, license number 49222 (Masonry) and ***James R. Meranto dba Meranto Construction***, license number 26817 (Concrete) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; failure to pay for materials or services; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the licenses of J.R Meranto Construction Inc., Meranto Masonry Inc., and James R. Meranto dba Meranto Construction.

Massoud Pasbakhsh dba Lone Star Company, license number 48534 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for combining or conspiring with an unlicensed person to perform an unauthorized act; transferring or permitting unauthorized use of a license; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the license of Massoud Pasbakhsh dba Lone Star Company.

Green Tree Development Group LLC, license number 49551 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to include license number on a contract or proposal. A one-year letter of reprimand was placed in the licensee's file.

R C S S Enterprises Inc., license numbers 52250 (Air Conditioning), based out of Henderson, Nevada; license number 51511 (Plumbing and Heating) based out of Las Vegas Nevada; and license number 51515 (General Engineering) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. Licensee was assessed the cost of investigation.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a License Check by visiting our website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us
3. Get three references, and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
9. Don't pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Reno, NV on June 4, 2002.